

the Monmouth County community. His exceptional service is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Father Dan, fondly referred to as "Donnie" by his family and peers, was the third of six children raised on a small farm in the village of Gortdarrig, County Kerry in Ireland. At the age of thirteen, Father Dan was enrolled at St. Brendan's Seminary in Killarney, Ireland. His attendance at this prestigious institution later influenced his future decision to become a priest. Upon graduation from St. Brendan's, Father Dan entered All Hallows Seminary College in Dublin, Ireland, an organization recognized for preparing men to serve as missionary priests in foreign countries. During his time in the Seminary, Father Dan also spent a summer abroad working in various New Jersey parishes alongside the late Father Thomas O'Connor, former Pastor of St. Robert Bellermino in Freehold, New Jersey. His positive experience serving in New Jersey later influenced his decision to accept a position as a recruit from the Diocese of Trenton. Father Dan was ordained on June 17, 1973 at the age of twenty-four. He served for many years in the parishes of St. Anthony of Padua in Hightstown, New Jersey and St. Anthony in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1989 he became the Pastor of St. Ann's Church in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Father Dan currently presides as Pastor of the Church of St. Ann in Keansburg, New Jersey and has held this position since 1995.

In addition to his work with the ministry, Father Dan provides spiritual guidance to various Christian organizations, specifically the Ancient Order of Hibernians, AOH. He served as the New Jersey State AOH Chaplain for nineteen years during which time his outstanding spiritual leadership assisted the organization to fulfill their motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. He continues to serve as the Chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Pat Torphy Division—Monmouth 2, located in Middletown, New Jersey, and hosts an annual mass in recognition of those lost during the Great Hunger. Father Dan also serves as the Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Vincent T. Lombardi Council.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Father Daniel Cahill for receiving the esteemed title of Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore. His extraordinary spiritual leadership continues to guide Monmouth County Bayshore community, my district, and the State of New Jersey.

RECOGNIZING ITMC SOLUTIONS,  
LLC OF BRISTOW, VA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 11, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize ITMC Solutions, LLC, of Bristow, Virginia, for its acceptance into the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement, VIP.

ITMC Solutions is a woman-owned, veteran-owned, minority-owned, small business supplier of management consulting and technology solutions to the federal government, specializing in identity solutions, program management, portfolio management and applica-

tion development, deployment, modernization and maintenance.

VIP, a program of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, is the country's first-ever program to train veteran small business owners to succeed in the federal contracting market. VIP has helped more than 200 veteran-owned businesses win government contracts and continues to actively serve veterans by connecting top executives of veteran owned small businesses with leaders in government and industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be accepted into this program and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing ITMC Solutions, LLC for its accomplishment.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 11, 2011*

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, October 10th marked the 100 year anniversary of the Republic of China (ROC).

And how the ROC has grown over the years since the 1911 Revolution! The state played a vital role as a founding member of the United Nations and contributed to the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, infusing into it the spirit of Confucianism. And it drafted the most progressive and democratic constitution in Asia. And finally, the state found solid footing on the island of Taiwan in 1949. It has successfully transitioned into a liberal democracy and become the first democratic state in an ethnic Chinese society in history.

Today, the ROC is a model of political and economic progress for developing nations around the world. It is a modern and industrialized nation, an early adapter and proponent of a global and interconnected marketplace. Taiwan, Asia's first Economic Tiger, embraced market reforms in the 1950s and quickly launched some of the best known, and most efficient, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) that came to serve many U.S. multinationals. Today's Taiwan is a technology powerhouse and the island's firmly entrenched in the top tier of developed world markets.

And while many other markets turn inwards when economic times are tough, Taiwan's almost always kept its trade and investment doors open. A founding member of the Asia Development Bank in 1966, the ROC on Taiwan joined the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2001. It further acceded to the WTO's Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) in 2009.

And since 2008, Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou has removed many of the longstanding trade and investment barriers to mainland China, resulting in Taiwan now best positioned serving as a global gateway to the Greater China market. This new outlook culminated in last year's signing of the Economic and Cooperation Framework Agreement between Taiwan and mainland China. Foreign firms can now access mainland China's vast economic potential from the comfort and safety of a Taiwan market that's among the friendliest in the world to U.S. companies and one that also values and protects their intellectual property.

As we celebrate this hundred years of history, let us recall that the ROC of today has come about thanks to generations of people who have fought for social reform and a democratic future.

And as the Republic of China embarks on a new century, I hope it will be a model democratic nation for the world and continue to grow and prosper. I therefore urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China on its 100 years of existence, Taiwan's many economic achievements since 1949, and to further support enhanced economic relations between the United States and Taiwan.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 11, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,860,324,039,615.03.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,221,898,293,321.23 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR J.  
MCCLUNG, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 11, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Morehouse College's most distinguished graduates and accomplished alumni, Mr. Arthur J. McClung, Jr. I am very happy to point out that earlier this year Morehouse College President, Dr. Robert M. Franklin, presented Mr. McClung with the school's Presidential Award of Distinction in recognition of his many outstanding professional achievements, unyielding support for his alma mater and heartfelt philanthropic endeavors.

As a graduate of Morehouse College and as one who matriculated at Morehouse during the same period as Mr. McClung, I am very proud to call him a fellow alumnus and personal friend. As a dedicated family man, successful business professional and role model for young African-American men, Arthur J. McClung, Jr. has worked tirelessly to effectively balance his multitude of roles of being a loving husband, committed father, skillful senior executive and dedicated community leader.

Arthur J. McClung, Jr. is a native of Columbus, Georgia, the perennial site of this weekend's 76th Annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic. This classic is one of our nation's longest running football rivalries and Mr. McClung, Jr. along with his father, the late Arthur "A.J." McClung, Sr., have played instrumental roles in this beloved event's ongoing success. The stadium that has hosted this game since its inception is named in honor of the late A.J. McClung, Sr.